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Mm of the fact, and I have given him fall information about a number of men in office concerning whom he asked me, and as to one or two in response to questions of Ms, I have told him positions in which I thought they would do well or which I thought they would like. But *I* have volunteered no information and said nothing to him unless he has asked me to say it; except that as regards one representative at a foreign court whom I had appointed I told him certain facts which I felt I ought to, as they were not to the representative's credit.

Boosevelt's own summary of his work as President was made in a letter to Sidney Brooks, a London publicist, on December 28, 1908:

"During my term as President I have more than doubled the navy of the United States, and at this moment our battle fleet is doing what no other similar fleet of a like size has ever done—that is, circumnavigating the globe—and is also at this moment in far more efficient battle trim, from the standpoint of battle tactics, and even from the standpoint of gunnery, than when it started out a year ago, while the individual ships are each just a trifle more efficient

"Then take the Panama Canal. I do not think that any feat of quite such far-reaching importance has been to the credit of our country in recent years; and this I can say absolutely was my own work, and could not have been accomplished save by me or by some man of my temperament.

" Again, I think the peace of Portsmouth was a substan-

tial achievement. You probably know the part
we played in
the Algeciras conference.

"Again, I believe what I did in settling the
anthracite
coal strike was a matter of very real moment
from the
standpoint not only of industrial but of social
reform and
progress.

"Again, I have doubled or quadrupled the
forest reserves
of the country; have put through the
reorganization of the
forest service, placing it under the
Agricultural Department;
and I may add as a small incident,
have created a